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In re Application of:

ZIEGLER, Ursula, et al. : DECISION

U.S. Application No.: 10/533,984

PCT No.: PCT/EP03/12210

International Filing Date: 03 November 2003

Priority Date: 05 November 2002

Atty Docket No.: 05587-00381-US

For: COMPOSITE MADE FROM

PLOYACETAL, BONDING AGENT

AND POLYOLEFIN, METHOD FOR

PRODUCTION AND USE

THEREOF

This decision is issued in response to the "Request For Corrected Filing Receipt" filed 08 November 2005, treated herein as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to correct the 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date. No petition fee is required.

BACKGROUND

On 03 November 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/EP03/12210. The international application claimed a priority date of 05 November 200 and designated the United States. On 21 May 2004, the International Bureau (IB) communicated a copy of the international application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The deadline for submitting the basic national fee was 05 May 2005, i.e., thirty months from the priority date.

On 05 May 2005, applicants filed a Transmittal Letter requesting entry into the U.S. national stage accompanied by, among other materials, payment of the basic national fee and a translation into English of the international application.

On 25 May 2005, applicants filed an executed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 and the \$130 surcharge for filing the declaration later than thirty months after the priority date.

On 03 October 2005, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a "Notification Of Acceptance" (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) identifying the "Date Of Receipt Of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) Requirements " and the "Date Of Completion Of All U.S.C. 371 Requirements" as 05 May 2005. Also on 03 October 2005, a filing receipt was issued that identified the 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date as 05 May 2005.

On 08 November 2005, applicants filed the "Request For Corrected Filing Receipt" treated herein as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181. The petition includes a copy of the previously filed declaration, as well as a copy of a return postcard itemizing the declaration and bearing a USPTO receipt stamp dated 25 May 2005.

On 11 May 2006, the DO/EO/US mailed a second Notification Of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) that identifies the "Date Of Receipt Of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) Requirements" and the "Date Of Completion Of All U.S.C. 371 Requirements" as 25 May 2005. Also on 11 May 2006, a corrected filing receipt was issued that identified the 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date as 25 May 2005.

DISCUSSION

A review of the application file and the materials filed by applicant on 08 November 2005 confirms that the executed declaration completing the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) was filed herein on 25 May 2005. The Notification Of Acceptance and filing receipt mailed 03 October 2005, both of which identified the 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date as 05 May 2005, are therefore appropriately vacated.

As noted above, the corrected Notification Of Acceptance and filing receipt mailed 11 May 2006 both properly identify the 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date as 25 May 2005.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to correct the 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date is **GRANTED**.

This application's date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) has been corrected to 25 May 2005.

The Notification Of Acceptance and filing receipt mailed 03 October 2005, both of which identified the 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date as 05 May 2005, are hereby **VACATED**.

The Notification Of Acceptance and filing receipt mailed 11 May 2006, both of which properly identified the 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date as 25 May 2005, remain in effect.

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